total mandays lost. In the same period, 17 per cent of the total Lockouts was in response to strikes.

Loans from IDA

1635. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the IDA is imposing some hard terms on the loans aavanced by it;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) what would be its impact on the national economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Financial loss due to robberies in banks

1636. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of financial ss sustained by Government on account of robberies in the nationalised banks during the last one year; and

(b) what steps have been taken by Government to stop bank robberies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Reserve Bank of India has reported that a sum of Rs. 159.09 lakhs approximately was involved in the bank robberies, dacoities that occurred in nationalised banks during the year 1985.

(b) The Report of the High Power Working Group which, was set up by the Government to critically review security arrangements in banks and to make suggestions for improvment therein, was sent to all public sector banks and State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for implementing the recommendations made by the Group Banks have been implementing the measures recommended by the working Group in a phased manner for providing greater security for branches.

Alarm system for banks

1637. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
PROF. C. LAKHAMANNA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether safer alarm system for Banks has been invented by the R & D wing in the Reserve Bank of India as reported in the 'Times of India' of the 19th February, 1986; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether this system will now expose the neighbours to danger and save the bank employees;

(c) what are the causes for the failure of the present alarm system; and

(d) whether the inventors have been suitably rewarded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Reserve Bank of India has reported that it has no information regarding developments of a safer alram system for banks.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

(c) In individual cases of failure of the alarm system installed, it has been noticed that maintenance of the equipment had been adversely affectd by firms of suppliers of such equipments going rapidly out of business. In order to ensure functional efficiency of the alarm systems installed, banks have been instruted to ensure that the alarm system in each branch is checked periodically. They have also been instructed to review the service contracts with firms of suppliers of alarm system and to black-list such firms are not responsive.

Complants against Peeless General Finance Company

1638. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India and Government have received com-